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the City of Cathedral City waste management guide



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or visit their website at www.wmdesert.com*



*City of Cathedral City at (760) 770-0340
or visit their website at www.cathedralcity.gov*

You Can Make A Difference

If you're like most Californians, you've probably become a lot more aware of the environment over the last few years. Terms like "recycling" and "landfill" have become a part of our everyday language. However, trying to be a good environmental citizen hasn't always been an easy and convenient experience. Faced with dozens of choices, as well as new and sometimes conflicting information, it has become very difficult to know what is the "right thing to do."

The purpose of this guide is to make sure that you know exactly what you can do to decrease the amount of waste sent to the landfill and to protect our natural resources. By making you more aware of all the disposal and recycling programs available, you can decide for yourself which solutions best suit your lifestyle. Outlined in detail in this guide are recycling programs that are free of charge to Cathedral City residents. If every Cathedral City resident were to utilize just one or two of these free programs, the beneficial impact on our City's environment would be substantial. *You can make a difference.*

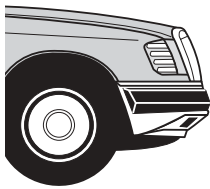
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Residential Trash Program

Maroon colored cart

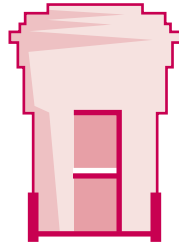
Residents of Cathedral City are provided one 96-gallon automated cart to put all of your regular household trash in. This cart must be rolled to the curb one time per week. Additional carts may be requested for a nominal fee.

This cart **MUST NOT** be used for commercial or industrial construction materials.



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The carts are on wheels for ease in rolling to the curb.



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Place carts close to the edge of the curb.

Residential Recycling Program



residential recycling

Gray colored cart

Residents of Cathedral City are provided one 96-gallon automated cart to use for recycling at your home. You can place commingled recycling items in the gray recycling cart at the curb on regular trash days for pick-up by Waste Management of the Desert who will then transport the material to a recycling facility.

No more sorting, just mix your recycling!

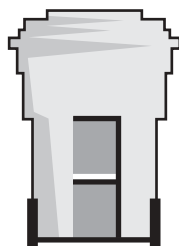
If you have not received your gray cart, or require additional gray carts for recycling – free of charge, please call Waste Management's Customer Service Center at (760) 340-2113.

Examples of Acceptable Items:

Plastic Bottles • Glass Jars • Steel Cans & Tin Cans • Liquor Bottles
• Juice Bottles & Juice Cans • Aluminum Foil & Cans • Empty Aerosol Cans
• Pie Tins • Plastic Milk Jugs • Newspapers & Magazines • White Papers
& Mixed Papers • Cereal Boxes • Junk Mail • Telephone Books • Detergent
Boxes • Tissue Boxes • Cardboard • Please rinse out bottles, cans and jars



NON-ACCEPTABLE ITEMS: Paint Cans, Oil Cans, Auto Glass, Disposable Diapers, Styrofoam, Plastic Toys, Plastic Buckets, Rubber Products, Waxed Paper, Pet-Soiled Paper, Ceramics, Mirrors, Window Glass, Pyrex Glass, Light Bulbs, Fluorescent Light Tubes, Household Trash, Food Waste



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Maximum
weight per cart
is 150 lbs.



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Always keep children
away from moving
vehicles and equipment.





Residential Green Waste Program

Green colored cart

Residents of Cathedral City are provided one 96-gallon green automated cart for their yard waste. Green waste includes all yard trimmings: grass, tree branches, sawdust, green plants, weeds, etc. – basically all organic materials generated from your yard work. Please call Waste Management of the Desert's Customer Service Center if you have not received your free cart. Please place your cart at the curb along with the trash on your regular service day. Waste Management of the Desert will then transport the material to a composting facility.

All items must be able to fit into the cart with the lid closed. If necessary, cut up trimmings to increase the amount of yard waste that fits in the green cart.

DO NOT place yard waste in plastic bags. Plastic bags are not compostable and they will contaminate the yard waste.

Upon request, additional green waste carts are available at no charge.

Examples of Acceptable Items:

- Twigs and Small Branches (4 inches or less in diameter and 3 feet or less in length) • Vegetation from the Yard • Grass • Leaves • Green Plants
• Weeds • Small Wood Scraps • Garden Trimmings • Tree Limbs
• Wood Chips • Sawdust



NON-ACCEPTABLE ITEMS:

Plastic Bags, Soil/Rocks,
Pet Waste, Tree Stumps,
Painted Wood, Treated Wood
(Please, no trash in
the green waste or
recycling carts.)



Bulky Item Pick-Up



bulky item pick-up

Have you been thinking about disposing of a few bulky items, but do not know how to get rid of them? If so, you will love this service.

Bulky Items are large household items that do not normally fit in your regular trash carts.

Examples of Acceptable Items:

Furniture • Large Appliances • Carpet (Rolled and bundled and not to exceed 18 inches in diameter or 4 feet in length) • Large Household Waste • Appliances • Mattresses • Refrigerators • Containers • Tree Limbs in Bundles (the trunks, stumps or limbs of trees should not exceed 18 inches in diameter or 4 feet in length) • Any other large bulky items or heavy objects that would not normally fit in your regular trash cart



NON-ACCEPTABLE BULK ITEMS: Industrial Waste, Business Waste, Hazardous Waste, Engines, Tires, Paint, Chemicals, Household Trash or other like materials

When will my bulky items be picked up?

Your bulky items will be picked up weekly on your regular trash day.

Where do I put my bulky items?

Simply place your bulky items at the curb just like your normal trash by 6:00 a.m. Please place these items at least 2 feet from your nearest trash or recycling cart.

How many times may I use this service?

You may use this service each week for as many times as you need.

What if I live in a gated community?

For Cathedral City residents living in a gated community, please contact your Home Owners Association or Property Management Company for services offered in your community. A centralized location for the bulky item pick-up program must be determined between the HOA and Waste Management of the Desert.



Motor Oil and Oil Filter Pick-Up

Waste Management of the Desert offers residents the opportunity to recycle used motor oil and used oil filters in a environmentally friendly and safe manner at no charge!

Recycling used motor oil prevents contamination of drinking water and saves natural resources. The only environmentally safe and legal method to dispose of used oil is recycling.

After you change your motor oil, simply pour the used oil into a clear plastic container with a secured cap and place the oil by your trash/recycle carts on your regular collection day. An ideal container to use is an empty milk jug.

The used motor oil container(s) will be collected on your next regular collection day.

Please **DO NOT** mix the oil with any other substance.

Used Oil Filters

Used oil filters can also be collected at the curb with your used motor oil. The oil filters must be completely drained and sealed in a zip lock bag. Once that is completed, simply place the bag by your recycling cart on your regular trash day.

Please do not set out more than 5 gallons of oil per week. You may use this service as often as you need. The program is for Cathedral City residents only.



Household Hazardous Waste

Despite the many items that Waste Management of the Desert may collect from your home there are some items that must be handled in a special way.

Household cleaners, paints (latex and oil based), antifreeze, motor oil, batteries, tires and electronics are considered hazardous waste.

Hazardous waste should never be mixed in with your regular trash or recycling.

Utilize the free ABOP Center and Household Hazardous Waste Collection Events to properly dispose of your hazardous waste.

ABOP Center:

**Antifreeze,
Car & Home Batteries,
Oil & Oil Filters
and Latex Paint ONLY!**

PALM SPRINGS FIRE DEPARTMENT
TRAINING CENTER
3000 E. Alejo Road
Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
(EXCEPT RAINY DAYS AND HOLIDAYS)
www.rivcoeh.org



This site is for the use of Riverside County residents only. You may **NOT** transport hazardous waste liquid greater than 15 gallons or more, or 125 pounds total per vehicle (per trip). These limits will be enforced by CHP. Multiple trips are allowed. All containers must be marked and secured so as not to leak. The collection site will be closed if rained out. Business or non-profit organization waste **WILL NOT** be accepted. **There's no limit to the number of trips and it's free.**

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Events

Sponsored by Riverside County Waste Management Department

Every year Riverside County sponsors free collection events throughout the Coachella Valley for the collection of Household Hazardous Waste (HHW).

For the latest information or to find out when the next collection event will be held in your area, call Riverside County's 24-hour Household Hazardous Waste Hot Line: (909) 358-5256 or visit their website at www.rivcoeh.org

Examples of Acceptable Items:

Deodorizers • Cleaners • Bleaches • Weed Killers • Pesticides • Batteries
• Garden Chemicals and more!

What about tires and electronic waste?

Contact Waste Management of the Desert or the City of Cathedral City for news on upcoming tire and electronic recycling events!



Common Questions

How do I order a larger container for my home projects?

For large household and yard projects, special bin rental service is available. Please call Waste Management of the Desert's Customer Service Center at (760) 340-2113 for rates and information.

What if I need extra carts?

Residents may obtain additional recycling and/or green waste carts at no additional charge. Additional trash carts may be obtained for a nominal fee. Call Waste Management of the Desert's Customer Service Center at (760) 340-2113 or check out their website at www.wmdesert.com for pricing information or to place your order.

Where do I place my trash cart during the week?

All trash and recycling carts should be stored away from the public view. Do not leave them in front or side yards except on your regular scheduled trash collection day.



How is my trash bill paid?

Residents of Cathedral City pay for their garbage service with their property tax bill. The taxes paid to the County are based on a fiscal year from July 1 to June 30. The garbage portion of the tax bill are based on a calendar year from January 1 to December 31.

New homeowners are billed individually by Waste Management of the Desert until a new calendar year begins.

A property tax bill received in September will include a portion for garbage service, however that portion will be for January to December services for the UPCOMING calendar year.

Residents will continue to receive bills directly from Waste Management of the Desert through December.

Moving?

Residents requiring refunds have two options:

Your first option is to contact Waste Management of the Desert's Customer Service Center at (760) 340-2113 to report when you will be moving.

Your second option is to wait and let Riverside County report your move to Waste Management of the Desert.

Once Waste Management of the Desert is made aware of any discontinuation of service, a refund check will be issued and mailed to the resident.

How should I handle any problems pertaining to my trash and recycling service, such as: missed pick-up, broken wheels, stolen carts, and so on?

If you have a problem pertaining to your carts or need service to the carts, please call Waste Management of the Desert's Customer Service Center as soon as possible at (760) 340-2113. This allows them to quickly investigate and take the necessary measures to resolve the situation.

When is my collection time?

Place your trash and recycling at the curb by 6:00 a.m. on your normally scheduled collection day.

What should I do if my trash day falls on a holiday?

When one of the holidays is observed on a weekday, collections for the remainder of the week will be delayed one day.

Waste Management of the Desert observes the following holidays:

New Year's Day • Memorial Day • Independence Day
Labor Day • Thanksgiving Day • Christmas Day

How should I dispose of my holiday greenery?

Every year during the holiday season, Waste Management of the Desert offers free collection of your holiday greenery. For more information, call Waste Management of the Desert's Customer Service Center at (760) 340-2113.

Are there any restrictions that I should be aware of?

Residents reporting more than two lost or stolen carts will be charged for new carts. Residents placing trash in their gray recycling carts or green waste carts may have those carts removed for repeated offenses.



How can I stop illegal dumping?

Illegal dumping is a practice used by some people in the Valley that pollutes our environment and harms our precious desert. Help to keep our City clean by reporting illegal dumping activities.

If you see illegal dumping taking place in Cathedral City, copy the license plate and make of the vehicle, the time, date and place the dumping occurred. Call the Cathedral City's Code Enforcement office at (760) 770-8200 to report the information.

How can I eliminate unwanted junk mail?

Your trash probably contains a large amount of unwanted "junk mail." You can now remove your name from national mailing lists that provide you with a daily supply of unwanted "junk mail." Write to the Mail Preference Service. After three months, your unwanted mail should decrease by 75 percent.

You may register by mailing your name(s), home address and signature in a letter or on a postcard to:

Mail Preference Service Direct Marketing Association

P.O. Box 9008, Farmingdale, NY 11735-9008

For information only, call (212) 768-7277 ext. 1888 or visit www.dmaconsumers.org

Are there any special services provided for disabled persons?

Any disable person meeting the requirements of the Department of Motor Vehicles for the issuance of a N1-Permanent disabled parking placard is entitled to walk-in backyard or side yard collection of trash, recyclable and green waste, at no additional charge. Please contact Waste Management of the Desert Customer Service at (760) 340-2113 for additional information.

Where are 'Buy-Back Centers' located?

Waste Management of the Desert operates "Recycle America" at their corporate yard in Palm Desert (41800 Corporate Way). Top dollar is paid for aluminum cans, cardboard, glass, newspaper, plastics and office paper. Contact Waste Management of the Desert at (760) 340-2113 for hours of operation. Additional Buy-Back Centers are also located throughout Cathedral City, which are most commonly found in grocery store parking lots.

Home Repairs and Remodeling

Planning to hire a contractor to do some repairs for your home?

Here are a few tips on how to save money:

Save money on disposal costs by requiring the contractor to divert material to a recycling facility. Landfill charges can sometimes exceed the disposal costs at a recycling facility.

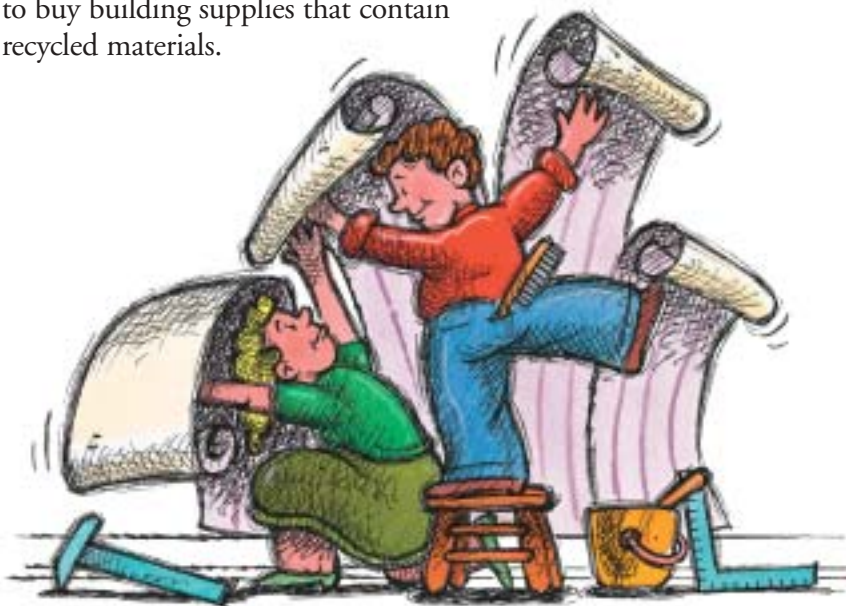
Develop building designs that use standard materials. For example, wall sections that use 4-by-8-foot sheets of material efficiently.

Store left over supplies and materials for your next project.

Ask suppliers to remove packaging before shipping materials to your home, wrap materials in reusable blankets or padding, or take back the packaging after the materials have been delivered.

Require subcontractors to include the cost of removing their waste in their bids to give them an incentive to produce less waste.

To help expand markets for recyclable materials, it is important to buy building supplies that contain recycled materials.



Environmental Tips

Reduce

- Reduce the amount of trash discarded.
- Reducing waste at the source is the most effective waste prevention method.
- Purchase products that are reusable.
- Stop waste before it happens!

Reuse

- Reuse containers and products.
- Reuse products as many times and in as many ways as possible.
- Maintain and repair durable products.
- Borrow, rent, or share items used infrequently.
- Sell or donate goods instead of throwing them out.





Recycle

- Recycle a product after the original or other uses for those products are exhausted.
- Close the loop by putting materials that are recyclable back into the system of collection, processing, and remanufacturing.
- Purchase products made from recycled materials.
- Compost yard trimmings and some food scraps. "Grasscycle" your lawn trimmings by leaving them directly on the lawn after mowing.

Rebuy

- Rebuy recycled products by selecting items with recycled content instead of buying products made from raw materials.
- Buying recycled not only creates a market for recycled materials, is also conserves energy, saves natural resources and sends a message to the industry that recycling and markets for recycled materials are important to you.

What Can Kids Do?

*If we want to make the world a better place for our children...
then we need to teach them how to care for it!*

Create eco-friendly art out of everyday garbage. This book was created by Karen Riley, Executive Director of the Student Creative Recycle Art Program, and published by the City of Cathedral City.

Landfill Lunch Box ISBN 0-9708135-0-3

SPECIAL DISCOUNTS TO MUSEUMS AND TEACHERS

For more information or to purchase the book, call 1-866-71-SCRAP or visit the websites at www.Amazon.com or www.cathedralcity.gov

S.C.R.A.P. Gallery – Student Creative Recycle Art Program

The mission of the S.C.R.A.P. Gallery is to develop and implement art experiences from recycled and reused materials that actively engage all youth as stewards of their environment. The S.C.R.A.P. Gallery is an innovative program that addresses two of today's most urgent issues – the environment and the education of our youth. Conservation and reuse through hands-on exploration with discarded materials is promoted at the S.C.R.A.P. Gallery. Arts and science workshops help make students understand complex environmental issues. Materials donated by local businesses and manufactures are available for reuse by teachers, artists and community programs.

For more details about the S.C.R.A.P. Gallery:

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e-mail scrapgallery@earthlink.net
or scrapfieldtrip@aol.com
or visit their website at
www.nonprofitpages.com/scrapgallery

